

CYNGOR CYMUNED YR YSTOG
CHURCHSTOKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
 2 Rows Terrace, Plough Bank, Montgomery, Powys. SY15 6QD

MINUTES of Meeting on 26th September 2007
 at Churchstoke Community Hall, at 7.30 p.m.

1.0 Attendance, Apologies and Declarations of Members' Interests

Attendance: Cllr E Evans (Chairman), Cllr Mrs B J Davies, Cllr M J Jones, Cllr D H Latimer, Cllr D L Powell, Cllr P A Rees.

Apologies: Cllr G F Griffiths, Cllr Mrs P J Jones, Cllr D A Paterson, Cllr Mrs B A Rowley, Cllr Mrs A R Stephens.

Declarations of members' interests: Members declared interests as follows:

Agenda Number	Item	Councillor	Nature of Declaration
4.5	Planning Applications/Notices	M J Jones	Member of Powys CC Mont. Planning Committee (decision role)

2.0 Minutes of Meetings – to approve and sign the minutes of 29th August 2007 at Churchstoke Community Hall, as a correct record

The minutes of the meeting 29th August 2007 were approved and signed as a correct record, with one amendment,

2.1 (4.6) Planning Enforcement Appeals

Re: APP/T6850/C/07/1201871, Site opp. Cwm Chapel, Mellington

The Clerk reported on clarification from the Powys CC planning office of the period allowed for expression of views to the inspector. The planning officer states that the period is 6 weeks prior to start date of appeal, not 6 weeks after start date, i.e. from 24th July - 4th September, and not 5th September - 17th October.

3.0 Matters Arising from minutes for Information – to report matters for information arising from minutes of 29th August 2007 at Churchstoke Community Hall

3.1 (3.3) Football at Cross Likey

The Clerk reported that Powys CC has not yet provided clarification of responsibility within the county council for maintenance of the green play area, and invited Members' recollections of any agreements for maintenance or leasing, even if such agreements have expired. Members commented that there has been no play equipment on the area since around 1993, and if any lease to CCC had existed it may have been relinquished in the early 1990s.

3.2 (5.3.2) Consultation document on 'A Shared Community and Charters for Unitary Authorities and Community Councils'

The Chairman reported that the document is being circulated around members for comment at the November meeting.

4.0 Planning Matters

4.1 Powys CC Planning Determinations – to report recent Powys CC planning determinations

The Clerk reported notification of planning determinations by Powys CC as follows:

Ref.	Site	Powys CC Planning Decision
M20070738	Cwm Cottage, Cwm, Churchstoke	Full planning permission granted
M20070761	Mont. Natural Spring Water Co.	Full planning permission granted

4.2 Proposed dwelling to rear of the Courthouse Hotel, Churchstoke – to consider and respond to the request for a site visit by Roger Parry and Partners

The Clerk reported that CCC is still awaiting a reply despite reminders by telephone and in person. Members agreed that any future reply may be taken under 'Planning Specific Correspondence'.

4.3 Planning Specific Correspondence – to receive other correspondence (if any).

None.

4.4 Planning Appeals – notifications/reports (if any) of Planning Inspectorate Appeals.

The Clerk reported on notification of planning appeals decision as follows:

Plan Ref.	Appeal Ref	Site	Planning Inspectorate Decision
None			

4.5 Planning Applications/Notices – to receive and resolve responses to consultations by Powys CC including –

Declarations of Members' Interests: Members declared interests as follows,

- All applications – Cllr M J Jones, having earlier declared an interest as a member of Powys CC Montgomeryshire Planning Authority (decision role), refrained from discussion or voting.

RESOLVED: *'to respond to consultation on applications as follows':*

Ref.	Applicant	Site	Description	rec.
<i>New Applications</i>				
M20070901	C O Jones, Bronwen, Churchstoke	Bron-wen, Churchstoke	Erection of extensions to enlarge sitting room & form new bedroom, alterations, and carport	S

Action – Clerk to process

4.6 Planning Enforcement Appeals – notifications/reports (if any) of Planning Inspectorate Appeals.

Ref.	Site	Description
None		

4.7 Planning Enforcement – to report on planning enforcement matters within the community

The Chairman invited Members to bring forward planning enforcement matters for discussion. Members discussed enforcement matters as follows –

Ref.	Site	Description
None		

5.0 One Voice Wales / Society of Local Council Clerks, Guidance Notes – to receive reports of area meetings/guidance notes/correspondence, including motions for debate at annual conference 13th October

5.1 One Voice Wales – AGM 13th October, motions for debate (previously circulated)

Members discussed the six motions for debate, and asked Cllr P A Rees to take CCC's views to the debate as follows:

- a) Planning Approval – comment in debate
- b) Duelling the A470 – support
- c) Flood map – no comment
- d) Coastal Defence – no comment
- e) Boundaries, councillors and warding – no comment
- f) Agriculture and Economy – support

Action – Cllr P A Rees

5.2 One Voice Wales – Maldwyn Area Committee 10th October

The Clerk reported on notice of meeting of the next committee 7pm, 10th October, at Pontrobert, and that the agenda includes an item on CCC Welsh language Scheme. Noted.

5.3 Society of Local Council Clerks – Powys branch meeting on 8th September

The Clerk reported that he attended the Powys branch meeting on 8th September at Brecon. The guest was Ruth Tucker, Advisor for Wales, speaking on budget/precept preparations, and on the recent consultation documents on the charter with unitary authorities. Noted.

6.0 BMX Area – to receive and resolve on cost quotation for demolition of the site

The Clerk reported on the cost quotation for demolition and,

RESOLVED *‘to accept the quotation of Colley Construction for taking down fence and ramp and leaving the site clear and tidy’.*

Action – Clerk to process

7.0 First Time Sewerage Scheme at White Grit – to receive results (if available) of Powys CC survey and to discuss preparation of Section 101a application.

The Chairman reminded Members of earlier discussions concerning the possibility of making a Section 101a application for First Time Sewerage Scheme at White Grit. The Clerk reported that recent enquiries made of Powys CC indicates that it is still waiting the conclusion of the Environment Agency survey report, and that when completed Powys CC Officers will visit the area to discuss the problems.

RESOLVED *‘to write to the Environment Agency expressing CCC's disappointment at the lack of conclusion of survey, and to remind the Agency that residents would like to hear of progress’.*

Action – Clerk to process

8.0 North Walk – to report on responses (if available) to outstanding enquiries into public liability for accidents

The Chairman reminded Members of earlier discussions concerning the placement of liability for accidents at North Walk. The Chairman reported on replies from the Open

Spaces Society and with One Voice Wales. Members noted that their advice is similar to other advice received at August meeting that liability centres on the question of ownership and maintenance.

9.0 Financial Report

9.1 Financial Year 2006-2007 – to report and approve conclusion of external audit

The Clerk reported that there has been no communication from the auditors.

9.2 Financial Year 2008-2009 – to begin annual budget preparations

The Clerk reported that the draft budget and precept for the Financial Year 2008-2009, will be prepared over the coming months, and that items for consideration should be passed to the budget panel. A 1st draft budget is intended for the October meeting in order to meet the 2nd November deadline for applications to Powys CC for recreation and cemetery concurrent funding grants.

Action – for budget panel
and for October meeting

9.3 Items received since last meeting – to report.

The Clerk reported on income received since the last meeting as follows:

Payer	Description	£
Powys County Council	2 nd instalment precept & recreation grant	5,450.30
M & G Investments	Charibond dividend May-Jul 2007	1.90
E R D Corfield & Sons	Cemetery burial fee (plot 330)	100.00

9.4 Items for payment this meeting – to authorise items for payment, including as follows,

cheque	Payee	Description	£
416	Churchstoke Rec. Assoc	Room hire (x3) Apr-Aug 2007	25.35
417	E J Humphreys	BT Openworld dial up Apr-Jun'07	3.39
St.Ord	E J Humphreys	Clerk's salary Sept 2007	364.57

Action – Clerk to process

9.5 Consolidated balances at 26th Sept 2007 after sweep, receipts & payments – to report

The Clerk reported on gross, ring-fenced funds, & net available balances as follows:

Item	Reserve account £	Current account £
Gross balances	25,236.96	606.69
Less ring-fenced funds	5,234.47	0.00
Net balances available	20,002.49	606.69

10.0 Highways and Rights of Way Reports

10.1 Highways and Rights of Way report from Powys/Shropshire CC to CCC – to report

The Clerk reported on replies/correspondence from Powys CC/Shropshire CC

- a) C2055, near Blue Barns and Cartref – standing water, possibly due to a blocked outlet pipe. Powys CC states that as there is no positive drainage, consideration will be given to structural works.
- b) C2054, near junction with B4385 at Courthouse – overflow from the culvert has caused road and fence damage. Powys CC states that repairs will be scheduled.
- c) C5054, Wernddu lane – existing surface deterioration made worse by recent floods. Powys CC states that instructions have already been issued for minor repairs.

- d) B4385, at Devil's Elbow – subsidence on the Powys side of the boundary. Powys CC states that the road is inspected every month to monitor and take appropriate action.
- e) A489, at Snead (near The Friars) – undersized culvert unable to cope with water flow. Members agreed to support residents' concerns. Powys CC states that consideration is being taken to remedy the situation at the location, and welcomes the local knowledge of the council.
- f) Minor Road C2054 above Lake farm – support for installation of cattle grids. Powys CC states that as the road in question is a minor road (as opposed to a public right of way), the matter has been referred by Rights of Way section to the highways engineer.

10.2 Highways and Rights of Way report from CCC to Powys CC – to report

- a) Cllr B A Rowley (by letter) – speeding traffic through village, and the suggestion of placing more 30mph repeater signs or tarmac markings. Member also agreed to write to PC Hugh Morgan to ask for his support on the matter.
- b) Cllr B J Davies – U2696 Pentrenant to Pen-y-cwm – poor surface with deep potholes making passage of vehicles very difficult
- c) Cllr B J Davies – U2708 Stone House lane - poor surface with deep potholes making passage of vehicles very difficult
- d) Cllr P A Rees – C2151 between Bacheldre and Pentrenant – reminder of CCC's April report and that the various potholes are still not filled.

Action – Clerk to process

11.0 County Council Matters – to receive and discuss other general Powys CC, Shropshire CC, and South Shropshire DC matters

- a) Powys CC: Cllr M J Jones reported:
 - Budget process – now underway. This is likely to include discussion of the future arrangements for post-16 education.
 - Community Strategy – Powys CC is to undertake a re-launch, with a county council lead.
 - Rights of Way – work is currently being undertaken in CCC area, funded by this year's budget. Future funding, which will mainly affect other areas, is likely to be cut.
- b) South Shropshire DC:
 - No report.

12.0 Correspondence – to receive other items of general correspondence.

12.1 Welsh Assembly Government – Local Government Policy Division

Re: Consultation document on 'Local Vision, Preparing Community Strategies'

Copy of the consultation draft statutory guidance on preparation of community strategies, which when adopted will replace guidance issued in 2001. The consultation also invites views on legislation to create a duty on local partners (including Town & Community Councils) to co-operate in developing the community strategies. Responses welcomed by 2nd November.

RESOLVED *'to respond that CCC is of the view that duty should be balanced against scale so that obligations do not become onerous for small councils'.*

Action – Clerk to process

12.2 Dyfed Powys Police – PC Hugh Morgan

Re: Community policing and setting up of PACT

Letter of introduction for PC Morgan and PCSO Gwyn Bufton, indicating the planned community work planned and the use of then mobile police station. A meeting of PACT (Police and Communities Together) for Churchstoke, Montgomery, and Berriew is arranged for Tuesday 9th October, 7pm, Montgomery Town Hall to which the public are invited.

12.3 Mr N Yapp

Re: Placing of cemetery seat

Letter requesting permission to place a seat at the cemetery in memory of Sara Elizabeth Yapp.

RESOLVED *‘that CCC agrees to the request, dependant on considerations of maintenance and safety, and that the precise location is agreed’.*

Action – Clerk & Cllr D L Powell
to process

12.4 Various correspondences, tabled:

- a) Dyfed Powys Police - information that Chief Superintendent Gwyn Thomas is leaving post to take up office as Assistant Chief Constable at Carmarthen from 1st October, and that the vacancy will be filled by Chief Superintendent Steven Mears. Noted.
- b) Powys Community Safety Partnership – copy of ‘Guide to Powys’ in Polish. Noted.

13.0 Chairman’s Announcements & Date of Next Meeting

Next meeting – Wednesday 24th October 2007, 7:30 p.m. at Churchstoke

Meeting ended 9.20 p.m.